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SUBJECT: KENYA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA

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1. WE HAVE READ WITH INTEREST AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS OF HORN OF AFRICA AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICIES. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY NAIROBI'S PERSPECTIVE ON SOME OF REFTEL POINTS RE KENYA.

2. WHILE WE WOULD AGREE THAT KENYATTA GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN ARMED CONFLICT IN THE HORN, KENYA'S ALLIANCE WITH ETHIOPIA IN A MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF SOMALI ARMED INCURSIONS THROUGH
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KENYAN TERRITORY ENROUTE TO ETHIOPIA COULD DRAW KENYA DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INTO CONFLICT. (SEE NIO IIM 76-019, MAY 1976, FOR MORE EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT.)

3. WHILE SOME POLITICAL INSTABILITY MAY OCCUR IN KENYA WHEN KENYATTA LEAVES SCENE, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY

THAT NEW LEADERSHIP WILL SOON EMERGE WHICH WILL PURSUE
MODERATE POLICIES VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PURSUED BY
KENYATTA SINCE INDEPDENCE.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE IN DAILY TOUCH WITH MANY LUOS
AND KIKUYUS AND WE MUST EXPRESS EXTREME SKEPTICISM RE
VALIDITY OF REFTEL STATEMENT THAT "LUOS ARE ALREADY
GIRDING FOR PROSPECTIVE MASSACRES AT THE HANDS OF THE
KIKUYUS." WHILE LUO/KIKUYU RELATIONS ARE FAR FROM CORDIAL,
WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT INTER-TRIBAL
VIOLENCE IS CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED BY MEMBERS OF EITHER
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